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RE: Microsoft Corporation v. Opal Technologies, Inc.
Case No. AMD 00 CV 843

Dear Judge Davis :

We are counsel for the defendants in the referenced litigation. I write at this time on behalf of both the defendants and counsel for plaintiff Microsoft Corporation.

We wrote to Your Honor on February 26, 2001 requesting an extension of certain deadlines in the Court's schedule so that the parties could engage in meaningful settlement discussions. Your Honor granted that request by marginal order dated February 28, 2001.


The parties have put the intervening period to good use and have reached an agreement in principle to resolve this case. As of this writing, counsel for both sides are attempting to clarify and document the parties' agreement and prepare a consent order for submission to the Court.

In order to complete this process, plaintiff and defendants jointly request that all pending deadlines be extended an additional two weeks.

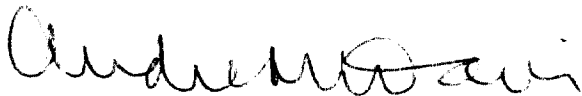
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We appreciate the Court's consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Gerard J. Gaeng

SO ORDERED this 22 day of March, 2001


Andre M. Davis
United States District Judge

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